


[Home](#)

 Premium: [Sign up](#) | [Login](#)
ADVERTISEMENT | [YOUR AD HERE](#)Dictionary - [Thesaurus](#)
[Get the Top 10 Most Popular Sites for "surfactant"](#)

## 4 entries found for *surfactant*.

sur·fac·tant

P

**Pronunciation Key** (sə-r-făk'tənt, sŭr'făk'-)

n.

1. A surface-active substance.
2. A substance composed of lipoprotein that is secreted by the alveolar cells of the lung and serves to maintain the stability of pulmonary tissue by reducing the surface tension of fluids that coat the lung.

[surf(ace)-act(ive) + a(ge)nt.]

 Source: *The American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, Fourth Edition*

Copyright © 2000 by Houghton Mifflin Company.

Published by Houghton Mifflin Company. All rights reserved.

[\[Buy it\]](#)
**surfactant**

P

surfactant: log in for this definition of *surfactant* and other entries in *Merriam-Webster Medical Dictionary*, available only to [Dictionary.com Premium](#) members.

## SPONSORED LINKS

[Free College Money](#)  
Find information  
on more than  
600,000  
scholarships!

[Free Online Coupon](#)  
Save with 1000+  
free coupons &  
discounts!

[93% Satisfaction](#)  
Advance your  
career with  
University of  
Phoenix!

## ADVERTISEMENT



**They got  
Married?!**



**Find Your Old  
School Here:**

 - City - 

 - State - 



**classmates.com®**  
ADVERTISE WITH

US

n . a substance capable of reducing the surface tension of a liquid in which it is dissolved [syn: surfactant, surface-active agent]

Source: WordNet ® 1.6, © 1997 Princeton University

**Perform a new search, or try your search for "wetting agent" at:**

- [Amazon.com](#) - Shop for books, music and more
- [AskJeeves.com](#) - Get the top 10 most popular sites
- [eLibrary](#) - Search thousands of newspapers and magazines
- [Google](#) - Search the Web for relevant results
- [Google Groups](#) - Search Usenet messages back to 1981
- [Merriam-Webster](#) - Search for definitions
- [Overture](#) - Search the Web
- [Roget's Thesaurus](#) - Search for synonyms and antonyms

Get **CleverKeys** and look up words from any program -  
FREE download!

From the makers of Dictionary.com

Copyright © 2003, [Lexico Publishing Group, LLC](#). All rights reserved.

[About Dictionary.com](#) | [Privacy Policy](#) | [Terms of Use](#) | [Link to Us](#) | [Help](#) | [Contact Us](#)


[Home](#)

 Premium: [Sign up](#) | [Log in](#)

Important: If the link above is flashing, you have been selected as a Winner! [Claim Here](#)

 ADVERTISEMENT | [YOUR AD HERE](#)

 Dictionary - [Thesaurus](#)
[Get the Top 10 Most Popular Sites for "wetting agent"](#)

## 3 entries found for *wetting agent*.

**wet·ting agent** (wĕt'ĭng)

*n.*

A substance that reduces the surface tension of a liquid, causing the liquid to spread across or penetrate more easily the surface of a solid.

Source: *The American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, Fourth Edition*

Copyright © 2000 by Houghton Mifflin Company.

Published by Houghton Mifflin Company. All rights reserved.

[[Buy it](#)]

**wetting agent**

**P**

wetting agent: log in for this definition of *wetting agent* and other entries in *Merriam-Webster Medical Dictionary*, available only to [Dictionary.com Premium](#) members.

Source: *Merriam-Webster Medical Dictionary*, © 2002 Merriam-Webster, Inc.

**wetting agent**

*n.* a substance capable of reducing the surface tension of a liquid in

### SPONSORED LINKS

[Free College Money](#)  
Find information on more than 600,000 scholarships!

[Free Online Coupon](#)  
Save with 1000+ free coupons & discounts!

[93% Satisfaction](#)  
Advance your career with University of Phoenix!

### ADVERTISEMENT



**They got Married?!**



**Find Your Old School [Here](#):**

— City —

— State —

**Search**



**classmates.com**  
ADVERTISE WITH

US

Source: Merriam-Webster Medical Dictionary, © 2002 Merriam-Webster, Inc.

## **surfactant**

n : a substance capable of reducing the surface tension of a liquid in which it is dissolved [syn: wetting agent, surface-active agent]

Source: WordNet ® 1.6, © 1997 Princeton University

## **surfactant**

surfactant: in CancerWEB's On-line Medical Dictionary

Source: On-line Medical Dictionary, © 1997-98 Academic Medical Publishing & CancerWEB

### **Perform a new search, or try your search for "surfactant" at:**

- [Amazon.com](#) - Shop for books, music and more
- [AskJeeves.com](#) - Get the top 10 most popular sites
- [eLibrary](#) - Search thousands of newspapers and magazines
- [Google](#) - Search the Web for relevant results
- [Google Groups](#) - Search Usenet messages back to 1981
- [Merriam-Webster](#) - Search for definitions
- [Overture](#) - Search the Web
- [Roget's Thesaurus](#) - Search for synonyms and antonyms

Get **CleverKeys** and look up words from any program - FREE download!

From the makers of Dictionary.com

Copyright © 2003, [Lexico Publishing Group, LLC](#). All rights reserved.

[About Dictionary.com](#) | [Privacy Policy](#) | [Terms of Use](#) | [Link to Us](#) | [Help](#) | [Contact Us](#)